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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 10, 2003 (Paper No. 13), Applicants hereby elect Group II consisting of Claims 7-21, 27-30 and 32. This election is made without traverse.

## CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the questions may be resolved.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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